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Week 8

1. Introduction and 2. Puerto Rico

How has the media portrayed immigrants recently?

The media has portrayed Latinas such as Mexicans, Dominicans, Puerto Ricans, and Salvadorians as immigrants recently.

What does the documentary suggest are the underlying causes of migration in the late 19th and 20th century regarding Mexico, Latin America, and the Caribbean?

The suggestion of the documentary for the causes of migration in the late 19th and 20TH century regarding Mexico, Latin America, and the Caribbean are because those countries were once dominated and occupied by the United States, these actions forced millions to leave their homes and join the north. Also the Great Depression.

What happened as a result of the Spanish-American War?

As a result of the Spanish-America war Puerto Rico along Cuba and the Philippines was taken as a prize of war.

What was different about Puerto Rico?

Puerto Rico was different because Cuba and the Philippines were released as the prize of war except Puerto Rico.

What does sugar have to do with U.S. policy toward Puerto Rico?

When the United States took over Puerto Rico so did 4 North American sugar companies. They were using the Puerto Rican's to work in sugar companies for little to nothing money. Also US imposed citizenship to Puerto Rico just in time to draft them to fight into WWI.

5. Cuba

What role did the U.S. play in Cuban affairs, why, and how?

The role the U.S plays in Cuban affairs is to protect the American investments on the island. They were rewriting laws, training new military and growing local dictators. Because it always supports and facilitates additional penetration of Cuban markets by American companies.

What happened during the U.S.-backed Batiste regime?

During the U.S backed Batiste regime it united the population to overthrow the ruler.

What happened in 1961 at the Bay of Pigs?

In 1961 at Bay of Pigs Castro's army defeated an invasion of 1400 Cuban exiles trained and equipped by the CIA.

How have Cuban exiles influenced Miami? What was their experience in the 60s and 70s?

Cuban exiles influenced Miami by the consent they were given by their leader if they wanted to leave and the Batista government that welcomed them.

Their experience in the 60s and 60s was good. They made the city awake as Miami was a sleepy, resort town. With the Cubans' work they paved and developed Miami. They were excited, wanted to be part of the new place. But as horrible as this country is they started mistreating them such as arresting anyone who does not have a legal proof of being there. Making bilingualism a problem which made them think that they would never be American in full.

9. Mexico - Present

What was Operation Gatekeeper? What was the result?

Operation Gatekeeper was an attempt in the 1990s as a territorial denial or prevention of migrants and smugglers from entering the United States. It resulted in more deaths by migrants trying to cross.

What has happened as a result of trade agreements like NAFTA?

What had happened as a result of trace agreement like NAFTA is that it made big companies richer but left the poor to struggle. It opened the U.S market to Mexican corn farmers, they weren't able to sell any corn in America. Meanwhile the American farms have floated Mexico with cheap corn. About 2 million farm workers have lost their jobs.

What does immigration have to do with the flow of labor?

Since millions of people lost their jobs they went to America looking for better pay.

What is the experience of many border crossers into the U.S. from Mexico?

The experience of many border crossers into the U.S from Mexico was horrific, some of them die on their journey. It broke homes and ripped families apart.

What does "harvest of empire mean" for Juan Gonzalez?

" harvest of empire" for Juan Gonzalez means that because of the American history of imperialism , colonialism, and invasions it caused migration. The United States made it impossible for people to stay in their countries of origin.